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Response to Office Action for Serial No. 10/721,314

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**PATENT APPLICATION****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Aaron Francis Snyder et al.

Assignee: ABB Research Ltd.

Serial. No.: 10/721,314

Group Art Unit: 3627

Filed: November 25, 2003

Confirmation No. 7053

Title: DEMAND AND ORDER-BASED PROCESS FLOW FOR VENDOR  
MANAGED INVENTORY

Examiner: Fawaad Haider

Docket No.: B020110

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
(Of September 19, 2007)Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office action dated September 19, 2007.  
The statutory period for responding to the Office action expires on December 19, 2007.

- **Amended Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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